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d3) making the value of said pixel equal to a weighted average of the value of said pixel and of the values of neighboring pixels, with weight factors depending on said degrees of coincidence of said local features with each of said predefined local features.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claim 2 is being amended. Claims 1 and 16-24 were allowed.

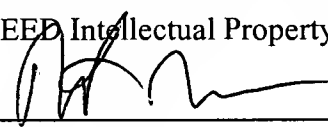
Claims 2-15 were objected to for a minor informality in the wording of claim 2. Claim 2 is being amended as suggested by the Examiner.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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